

2005 NEBRASKA STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM GUIDANCE Nebraska SHSGP

Information about the 2005 Nebraska State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) is now available online at nebema.org under the "HOMELAND SECURITY" link for all eligible program applicants to apply. The SHSGP program is a comprehensive, competitive grant program that encompasses DHS/ODP grants into one application process; the Homeland Security Program (HSP), the Citizen Corps Program (CCP), the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) and the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

The Nebraska 2005 SHSGP provides a single application process for all local first responder organizations to submit to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency as State Administrative Agency for the HSP funds. All eligible counties except Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties can apply for the SHSGP funds. Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties have been designated the urban area working group and comprise the core jurisdictions for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and are receiving funding under that grant program. All eligible counties, jurisdictions and first responder organizations can apply for grant funds under the CCP, LETPP and EMPG programs. Omaha/Douglas and Lincoln/Lancaster counties are eligible to receive funding through the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant program.

The stated intent of these programs collectively is to enhance and improve our nation's homeland security efforts. The 2005 Nebraska SHSGP will again be based upon competitive grants submitted through the county emergency management director that support the Nebraska Homeland Security Strategy. These programs have been integrated into a single application process to better facilitate the organization, coordination and management at the State and local level.

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The performance periods for each of the grants except the EMPG will be from 1 October 2004 until 31 March 2007. The performance period for the EMPG will be 12 months from the time of obligation to the local jurisdiction.

2005 HSP \$9,379,216.00

Funds are available to all eligible counties except Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. This program is to enhance the capability of local units of government to prevent, deter, respond to and recover from incidents of terrorism involving the use of CBRNE weapons, cyber attacks and events involving the agriculture sector. These funds will support costs related to;

- Homeland security and emergency operations planning activities
- Purchase of specialized equipment
- Costs related to the design, development, and conduct of statewide CBRNE, cyber security and agriculture training programs and attendance at ODP- approved courses
- Design, development, conduct, and evaluation of CBRNE, cyber security and agriculture exercises

All use of these funds must be consistent with and supportive of implementation of the Nebraska State Homeland Security Strategy. Specific projects undertaken with these funds must be support of the focus areas and identified goals and objectives of the Nebraska Homeland Security Assessment Strategy and will be reported through required reporting mechanisms, including the ISIP and the BSIR.

UASI \$4,263,280.00

This program provides financial assistance to address the planning, equipment, training and exercise needs of the State's designated urban area. The Lt. Governor and the Office for Domestic Preparedness has designated Omaha, including Douglas County and the adjacent counties of Sarpy and Washington, as the urban area working group. As such, the urban area working group will plan, train and exercise to build an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism.

LETPP \$3,410,624.00

The LETPP seeks to provide law enforcement communities with enhanced capabilities for detecting, determining, disrupting, and preventing acts of terrorism. All law enforcement jurisdictions within the State are eligible to apply for funds under this grant program. This is a competitive program based upon applications that support designated focus areas, goals and objectives within the Nebraska Homeland Security Assessment Strategy. The LETPP will provide funds for the following types of activities;

- Information sharing to Preempt Terrorist Attacks
- Target hardening to reduce vulnerability

- Threat recognition
- Intervention activities
- Interoperable communications

CCP \$148,836.00

The Citizen Corps program is designed to support Citizen Corps Council will all-hazards planning, public education and communication, training, exercises, equipment and management of State and local programs and activities. Program activities must advance the Citizen Corps mission to have everyone participate in hometown security through preparedness, training and volunteer service and activities. The emphasis of the 2005 State program is to enhance current programs, establish new programs and building sustainability for long term established programs. The 2005 State program will again be coordinated through the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission with assistance from NEMA. As with other homeland security grant programs, this program is funded at the local level on a competitive basis.

To receive funding under the program, a jurisdiction must have an established citizen corps council or establish a citizen corps council as a part of the grant activities.

EMPG \$834,000.00

The 2005 EMPG program is for eligible county jurisdictions to enhance their emergency management capabilities at the local level to support the overall state emergency management homeland security program. This program is open to all jurisdictions that meet the State program guidelines for application and adhere to all program requirements. This is a competitive grant and is funded on a 50% federal and 50% state-local cost share basis. To participate, local jurisdictions must meet both the Federal and the State program and reporting requirements.

MMRS \$455,184.00

The MMRS is an on-going program assisting designated jurisdictions with funding to write plans, develop training, purchase equipment and pharmaceuticals, and conduct exercises related to catastrophic incident, whether terrorist or natural disaster related. Lincoln/Lancaster and Omaha/Douglas counties have been designated the State's MMRS jurisdictions and each will receive 50% of the designated funding.

Click on the following links to get into the Federal program guidelines. Specific program requirements at the State level are listed in the application guidelines that are attached.

http://www.nebema.org/content/home_news/2005_SHSP.pdf

http://www.nebema.org/content/home_news/2005_EMPG.pdf

http://www.nebema.org/content/home_news/2005_LETPP.pdf

http://www.nebema.org/content/home_news/2005_UASI.pdf

http://www.nebema.org/content/home_news/2005_MMRS.pdf

http://www.nebema.org/content/home_news/2005_CCP.pdf

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A. Program Overview

The FY05 SHSP provides funds to enhance the capability of state and local units of government to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from incidents of terrorism involving the use of CBRNE weapons and cyber attacks. These funds support costs related to:

- Homeland security and emergency operations **planning** activities
- Purchase of specialized **equipment**
- Costs related to the design, development, and conduct of statewide CBRNE and cyber security **training** programs and attendance at ODP-approved courses
- Design, development, conduct, and evaluation of CBRNE and cyber security **exercises**
- **M&A** costs associated with implementing the SHSS and managing the SHSP program.

For those states and local units of government that have addressed agricultural and/or food security preparedness as a primary concern in their strategies, the FY05 SHSP also provides funds in the same broad categories of planning, equipment, training, and exercises, as well as agriculture-specific equipment that could be utilized to address specific gaps in prevention, response, and recovery within the agriculture sector.

SHSP further provides the opportunity to enhance regional preparedness efforts. States are encouraged to employ regional approaches to planning and preparedness and to adopt regional response structures whenever appropriate to meet the needs identified through the assessments and in the urban area strategy. Furthermore, ODP intends to guide state and urban area security and preparedness efforts toward a project-oriented process to address common, measurable objectives.

Finally, homeland security officials at all levels should seek opportunities to leverage funding from multiple sources whenever possible and not restrict their activities to federal funding alone.

B. Program Requirements

All use of SHSP funds must be consistent with and supportive of implementation of the SHSS. Linkages between specific projects undertaken with SHSP funds and strategic goals and objectives will be highlighted through regular required reporting mechanisms, including the ISIP and the BSIR.

C. Authorized Program Expenditures

This section provides guidance on the types of expenditures that are allowable under the SHSP. Please refer to the checklist in *Appendix A: Authorized Program Expenditures* for additional information on authorized and unauthorized SHSP expenditures.

Planning

SHSP funds may be used for a range of homeland security planning activities, including the following:

Developing and implementing homeland security support programs and adopting DHS national initiatives including but not limited to the following:

- Costs associated with the implementation and adoption HSPD-8 initiatives
- Costs associated with the implementation and adoption of NIMS
- Costs associated with the modifying existing incident management and emergency operations plans to ensure proper alignment with the NRP coordinating structures, processes, and protocols
- Establishment or enhancement of mutual aid agreements
- Development of communications and interoperability protocols and solutions
- Conducting local, regional, and tribal program implementation meetings
- Developing or updating resource inventory assets in accordance to typed resource definitions issued by the NIC
- Design state and local geospatial data systems
- Development of related critical infrastructure terrorism prevention activities including:
 - Planning for enhancing security during heightened alerts, during terrorist incidents, and/or during mitigation and recovery
 - Public information/education: printed and electronic materials, public service announcements, seminars/town hall meetings, web postings coordinated through local Citizen Corps Councils
 - Citizen Corps activities in communities surrounding critical infrastructure sites, including Neighborhood Watch, VIPS, and other opportunities for citizen participation
 - Evaluating CIP security equipment and/or personnel requirements to protect and secure sites
 - CIP cost assessments, including resources (financial, personnel, etc.) required for security enhancements/deployments.

Develop and enhance plans and protocols, including but not limited to:

- Develop or enhance emergency operations plans and operating procedures
- Develop terrorism prevention/deterrence plans
- Develop plans, procedures, and requirements for the management of infrastructure and resources related to HSGP and implementation of State or Urban Area Homeland Security Strategies

- Develop or enhance border security plans
- Develop or enhance cyber security plans
- Develop or enhance cyber risk mitigation plans
- Develop or enhance agriculture/food security risk mitigation, response, and recovery plans
- Develop public/private sector partnership emergency response, assessment, and resource sharing plans
- Develop or update local or regional communications plans
- Development of plans to support and assist special needs jurisdictions, such as port authorities and rail and mass transit agencies
- Development or enhancement of continuity of operations and continuity of government plans
- Development or enhancement of existing catastrophic incident response and recovery plans to include and integrate federal assets provided under the NRP.

Develop or conduct assessments, including but not limited to:

- Conduct point vulnerability assessments at critical infrastructure sites/key assets and develop remediation/security plans
- Conduct cyber risk and vulnerability assessments
- Conducting assessments and exercises of existing catastrophic incident response and recovery plans and capabilities to identify critical gaps that cannot be met by existing local and state resources
- Activities which directly support the identification of specific catastrophic incident priority response and recovery projected needs
- Activities which directly support the identification and advance preparation of pre-designated temporary housing sites; for example:
 - Conducting assessments and studies to identify qualified candidate sites
 - Obtaining accurate site surveys and existing utility information
 - Coordinating zoning requirements and necessary permits and/or waivers
 - Coordinating environmental impact requirements related to a selected site
 - Coordinating historic preservation requirements related to a selected site.

Equipment

SHSP funds may be used for equipment acquisition from the 21 equipment categories listed in the FY05 ODP AEL. The FY05 AEL is available in its entirety online through the RKB at <http://www.rkb.mipt.org> and the equipment categories are outlined in *Appendix A: Authorized Program Expenditures*.

Training

SHSP funds may be used to enhance the capabilities of state and local emergency preparedness and response personnel through development of a state homeland security training program. Allowable training-related costs include 1) the establishment of CBRNE, CIP, agricultural/food security, cyber-security, and geospatial training programs within existing training academies, universities, or junior colleges; and 2) overtime and backfill costs associated with attendance at ODP-sponsored and approved CBRNE and cyber security training courses. Grantees who wish to use grant

funds to support attendance at and/or development of non-ODP sponsored training, must receive approval from ODP prior to using funds for this purpose. In addition, training for NIMS and NRP implementation is allowable.

Exercises

SHSP funds may be used to design, develop, conduct, and evaluate exercises that:

- Train homeland security preparedness, prevention, and response personnel
- Evaluate prevention and response plans, policy, procedures, and protocols, including NIMS and NRP
- Assess the readiness of jurisdictions to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks.